Route Rationalisation and Code Sharing of IA and AI

925. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines Board has decided to go in for limited Synergy with Air India in the Area of route rationalisation and code sharing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASATING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The Board of Indian Airlines and Air India had earlier set up a sub-committee for synergistic cooperation between the two airlines. Now a committee has been constituted by the Government to make recommendations on rationalisation of routes operated by Air India and Indian Airlines and possible code sharing between the two airlines.

Cellular Phone Services

926. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the use of cellular phone in four metro cities is posing a threat to National Security;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have decided to monitor cellular services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The licenses issued to the Cellular Operators provide for adequate safeguards for the National Security.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) Cellular service has to provide monitoring as a standard arrangement.

(d) Eight numbers of Cellular lincensees in four metro cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras have been asked to provide circuits for monitoring the calls by authorised Government Security agencies.

Employment Exchanges in Allahabad

927. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Employment Exchanges in Allahabad District together with total number of unemployed persons registered with them each year as on April 1, 1994, 1995 and 1996;

(b) the number of persons who have found employment in each of the above years; and

(c) the estimated number of rural and urban unemployed in Allahabad district as on April 1, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). One Regional Employment Exchange and one University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau are functioning in Allahabad District. Information regarding number of job-seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) who were on the live register of these two exchanges and the numbers placed in employment during the period under reference is indicated below :

(In thousands)

Year	Number of job-seekers on live register at the end of	Number of placements effected during
1993-94	135.5	0.2
1994-95	144.7	0.1
1995-96	147.2	0.2

Information separately for rural and urban areas is not maintained.

Telecommunications in Bhavnagar

928. SHRI RAJU RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the building and other infrastructure facilities for providing telecommunications facility at Gariadhar in Bhavnagar District of Gujarat have been completed long back;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in making them functional;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the delay; and

(e) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided to the people of the area?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir, Telecom. facilities are already available at Gariadhar in rented building. Construction of a 40M Tower in rented premises has been completed in June, 96 for installation of a 120 channel digital Microwave system.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The expenditure incurred is Rs. 4 Lakhs.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) The Microwave system is expected to be commissioned by September, 96.